## 2014 PGSG PRECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

University of South Florida, Monday April 7 2014

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### 8:00-8:15 Check-in and registration

$20 registration fee for faculty and postdocs, receipts provided; no fee for grads. Additional details at: [http://www.politicalgeography.org/pre-conference/](http://www.politicalgeography.org/pre-conference/)

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5. Enter your mobile phone number, and the Registration code you received and hit 'submit'.
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8:15-8:30 Welcoming remarks -- Heron Room (3709)

Reece Jones, University of Hawai’i
Jayajit Chakraborty, University of South Florida

8:30 – 10:00 Sessions I and II

Session I: Militarism and Diplomacy - Heron Room (3709)
Chair: Ken Madsen, Ohio State University

1. Frames of Law: Operationalising & Transnationalising the Battlespace
Craig Jones, University of British Columbia

2. Plugged in: social media and the military
Alasdair Pinkerton and Peter Adey, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London

3. Assembling Foreign Policy: Materiality and banal (trans)nationalism in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
   Jason Dittmer, Department of Geography, University College London

Session II. Urban Engagements – Sandhill Crane Room (3708)
Chair: Karen Culcasi, West Virginia University

1. (In)Visible Boundaries: The Negotiation of Urban Citizenship in the Uneven Housing Development of Nanjing
   Sarah Tynen, Department of Geography, University of Colorado

2. Perspectives of Power Relations through Urban Development Projects in Tallahassee, Florida
   Peter Wood, Department of Geography, Florida State University

3. Inducing the ‘Phantom Region’ of Central Germany – Governing through Spatial Organisation-in-Becoming
   Roger Baars, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany,

4. The car and the Folkhem: Automobility and the Making of Modern Sweden
   David Jansson, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Uppsala University, Sweden

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break
10:15 – 11:45 Sessions III and IV

**Session III: Borders and International Relations** - Heron Room (3709)
Chair: Reece Jones, University of Hawai’i

1. **Borders: Marxist Territories and Postcolonial Terrains**  
   Paolo Novak, SOAS, University of London

2. **Towards a Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Boundaries and Frontiers in Zomia**  
   Borislav Nikoltchev and Fred M. Shelley, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma

3. **Developing Borders: Migration Management and Ukraine’s Contested Future**  
   Austin Crane, Department of Geography, University of Washington

4. **Urban Diplomacy, The Study of Function and Role of Cities as the New Actor in International Relations**  
   Seyed Hadi Zarghani, Geography Department, Ferdowsi University, Mashhad  
   Mansoure Eskandaran, Political Sciences, Mashhad Islamic Azad University

**Session IV. Networks and neighborhoods** Sandhill Crane Room (3708)
Chair: Darren Purcell, University of Oklahoma

1. **Transnational Networks of Power in the Global Food System**  
   Dereje Gultineh, Geography, Environment Science, and Policy, University of South Florida

2. **Hegemonies of Solidarity: the Dynamics of Connection and Control in Fair Trade Coffee Production Networks in Chiapas, Mexico**  
   Lindsay Naylor, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

3. **The End of a Regional Integration Narrative? External Perceptions of the EU in Times of Crisis**  
   Veit Bachmann, Department of Human Geography, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany

4. **Re-imagining the European ‘neighborhood’: Gas Pipelines and other Ties that Bind**  
   Corey Johnson, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
11:45 – 12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 Plenary Panel – Florida Politics -- Heron Room (3709)

*Chair: Pratyusha Basu, University of South Florida*
Fred Shelley, University of Oklahoma
Jason Dittmer, University College, London
Martin Bosman, University of South Florida
Susan MacManus, University of South Florida

1:45 – 3:15 Sessions V and VI

**Session IV. Geopolitics: From comedy to the Apocalypse** Heron Room
Chair: Corey Johnson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

1. *Assessing the Humor of Late-Night Comedians’ Arab Spring Jokes*
   Darren Purcell, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma

2. *‘America’s Finest News Source’?: Geopolitical Counter-cultures and The Onion Newspaper*
   Adam Levy, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado-Boulder
   Edward C. Holland, International Studies, Miami University

3. *A Geopolitics of Cold War Comics: Narratives of Identity & Ideology from Turkish popular culture*
   Kyle T. Evered, Department of Geography, Michigan State University
   Emine Ö. Evered, Department of History, Michigan State University

4. *Competing Environmental Apocalypses: Post-Politics and the Possibility of a Radical Apocalyptics*
   Tristan Sturm, Department of Geography, York University

**Session VI. Conflict and Memory** Sandhill Crane Room (3708)
Chair: Alec Murphy, University of Oregon

   Till F Paasche, Soran University, Kurdistan Region, Iraq,
   James D Sidaway, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore
2. Are Women the True Civilian Keepers of the Peace?
Sara Koopman, Wilfrid Laurier University

3. Young people’s Politics in the Abyss: ‘Organized Memory’ in Post-1968 Mexico City, and a Disruption of its ‘Genetic Axis’ in Roberto Bolaño’s Amulet
Nicholas Jon Crane, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

4. Geography and the New Political Economy of Intelligence
Susan Roberts, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 Session VII and VIII

Session VII: Elections, Democratization, and the North-South Binary Heron Room (3709)
Chair: Jayajit Chakraborty, University of South Florida

1. The Political Geography of Apportionment: 1960-2010
Kenneth C. Martis, Department of Geography, West Virginia University

2. Open Data, Political Crisis and Guerrilla Cartography
Samuel Rufat, Université de Cergy Pontoise, Paris, France

3. Weakening of the State, Decline of Sovereignty and the Processes of Democratization in the Third Millennium
Avv. Simona Epasto, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Educational and Cultural Studies, University of Messina, Italy

4. How Useful is the ‘Global North’ – ‘Global South’ Binary? An Invitation to a Conversation
Alexander B. Murphy, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

Session VIII: The Nation Between Borders- Sandhill Crane Room (3708)
Chair: Natalie Koch, Syracuse University

1. Reproducing the Nation? The Political Geographies of Assisted Reproductive Technologies
Carolin Schurr, Department of Geography, University of Zürich, Switzerland
2. Backward Spaces in the Modern Chinese Nation
Afton Clarke-Sather, Department of Geography, University of Delaware

3. The “Warm” Nationalism of Jordan: The Creation of a Multi-scalar and Contested National Identity
Karen Culcasi, Department of Geography, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University

4. Graffiti, Art, and Advertising: Re-Scaling Claims to Space at the Edges of the Nation-State
Kenneth Madsen, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

5:30 Dinner: Taj Indian Cuisine, 2734 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612, www.tajtampaindiancuisine.com